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INFO: 2 NOV. CONTENT: 2.
SUBJECT: OBSERVATIONS AND OPINIONS ON TDC.

PARA 1. TACHEN DEFENSE COMMAND (TDC) HAS THE ONLY JOINT OPERATIONS COMMAND OUTSIDE TAIPEI. THIS WAS ESTABLISHED UNDER MAAG ADVICE BUT

IS NOT YET FULLY EFFICIENT. CHINAT NAVY HQS RESISTS THE CONCEPT THAT TDC NAVAL TASK FORCES IS UNDER CONTROL OF TDC COMMANDER. TASK

FORCE COMMANDER HAS IN PAST CALLED FOR AND RECEIVED TAIPEI APPROVAL TO REFUSE CARRY OUT ORDERS GENERAL LIU LIEN-I, TDC COMMANDER. AS OF

1 NOV, GENERAL LIU PLANNED ASK FOR AIR SUPPORT AND FOR DD BUT DID NOT EXPECT TO GET EITHER.

PARA 2. TDC STAFF IS BUREAUCRATIC AND TOP HEAVY. IT HAS 2 DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERALS, 1 CHIEF OF STAFF, 2 DEPUTY CHIEFS OF STAFF,

PLUS J 1, 2, 3, AND 4. J-3 HAS 2 SECTION CHIEFS, 14 AIR AND 1 FOR NAVY. EACH STAFF SECTION MANNED WITH EXCESS NUMBER OFFICERS,

MOSTLY INCOMPETENT. G3 OPS PLANS USUALLY UNSOUND. G-2 BRIEFING OFFICERS FREQUENTLY CORRECTED BY GENERAL LIU AND DETAILS MINOR ACTIONS.

NET RESULT IS THAT LIU ACTS AS OWN STAFF AND DOES A FAIRLY GOOD JOB OF IT.

PARA 3. ICHIANG ATTRACTIVE TARGET FOR CHICOM AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT BECAUSE WOULD REQUIRE LITTLE NAVAL SUPPORT AND ONLY MINIMUM TRANSPORT.

FOR WHICH JUNKS IN COASTAL WATERS OPPOSITE ICHIANG PROBABLY ADEQUATE.

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AND THERE IS MAXIMUM CONCEALMENT FOR PREPARATIONS AND MOUNTING. IT WOULD GIVE CHICOMS PRACTICE AT COMPLICATED OPERATION IN WHICH THEY HAVE NO EXPERIENCE. IF ICHIANG SHOULD FALL TO CHICOM, 122 MM OR 155 MM. ARTILLERY MOUNTED ICHIANG AND CHIKUSHAN WOULD MAKE SHIP MOVEMENTS INTO TACHEN HARBOR VERY RISKY. AN INVASION OF TACHEN WOULD BE PRECEDED BY INVASION OF ICHIANG.

PARA 4. OVERALL GROUND DEFENSE PLANS FOR TACHEN, AMERICAN ORGANIZED AND SUPERVISED, ARE IN THEORY PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE. HAVE BEEN MANY DRY RUNS, AND PLANS ARE WELL KNOWN DOWN TO PLATOON LEVEL. NEED FOR COORDINATION WELL KNOWN THOUGH BATALLION COMMANDERS ARE WEAK IN COORDINATING SUPPORTING ARMS AND UNITS SINCE THEY HAVE LITTLE OR NO EXPERIENCE USING ARTILLERY OR AIR SUPPORT. ARTILLERY UNITS ARE WELL INTERGRATED INTO OPS PLANS. ARTILLERY PIECES HAVE BEEN PLOTTED AND AIMING STAKES PUT OUT FOR FIRE ON OWN LANDING BEACHES. SOUTH TACHEN ARTILLERY PLOTTED TO FIRE ON NORTH TACHEN BEACHES. MOBILE RESERVES HAVE HAD DAY AND NIGHT REHEARSALS OVER APPROACHES TO A COUNTER ATTACK. REGIMENTAL COMMANDERS MOSTLY GRADUATES OF MAAG SCHOOLS TAIWAN. IN SPITE OF THE FOREGOING, TDC FORCE APPEARS WEAK IN PLANNING ANY TYPE OPS ON OWN. SUCCESS DEPENDS ON EFFECTIVENESS OF LEADERSHIP IN BATTLE CONDITIONS WHICH SO FAR UNTESTED.

PARA 5. TENTATIVE ENFORCEMENT PLANNING IS ADEQUATE. DEFENSE OF ISLAND WILL PROBABLY DEPEND INITIALLY ON TROOPS NOW THERE. THERE ARE NO KNOWN PLANS OR FACILITIES IN EXISTENCE FOR EVACUATION OF TROOPS, CIVILIANS OR EQUIPMENT. TROOPS ARE EXPECTED TO FIGHT TO END.

PARA 6. UNTIL 1 OCTOBER GENERAL LIU HAD TO DEPEND UPON MINISTRY NATIONAL DEFENSE TO DIRECT COMBINED SERVICE FORCES, NOW UNIT UNDER J-4. SUPPLIES ARE STORED IN SEVERAL WELL DISPERSED SMALL BUILDINGS: NO BIG DEPOTS. SUFFICIENT POL FOR LIMITED NEEDS FOR 120 DAYS STORED MOSTLY IN BARRELS PLACED IN SMALL CAVES ALONG THE ROADS. MOST AVAILABLE AMMO IN HANDS OF TROOPS OR IN DUMPS NEAR BY. THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT FOR 15 DAYS OF CONTINUOUS DEFENSIVE FIGHTING. FOOD SUPPLIES (MOSTLY RICE) ARE ADEQUATE FOR 120 DAYS. OTHER SUPPLIES FOR 60 TO 120 DAYS. REPAIR FACILITIES ARE GENERALLY ADEQUATE. THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF TIRES.

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ORDNANCE TEAMS ARE CONSIDERED COMPETENT, WITH ENOUGH SPARE PARTS. PERSONAL AND CREW-SERVED WEAPONS ARE GENERALLY IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.

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